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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0094]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Technical Information Center announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24 Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering Information Management Control Officer, 3030 Defense Pentagon RM 3C152, Washington DC, 20301, Mr. Steve Lippi or call 703-614-4161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Representations to Implement Appropriation Act Provisions on Felony Convictions and Unpaid Federal Tax Liabilities, OMB Control Number 0704-0494.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to enable DoD awarding officials to exercise due diligence and continue to comply with provisions found in Sections 745 and 746 of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016 (Division E of Pub. L. 114-113, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016), as well as similar provisions that future years' appropriations acts may include. The requirements of these provisions were originally enacted in three Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 appropriations acts that made funds available

to DoD Components for obligation. The details of the provisions in the three FY 2012 acts varied somewhat but they generally required DoD to consider suspension or debarment before using appropriated funding to enter into a grant or cooperative agreement with a corporation if the awarding official was aware that the corporation had an unpaid federal tax liability or was convicted of a felony criminal violation within the preceding 24 months. The FY 2012 provisions were in:

Sections 8124 and 8125 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division A of Pub. L. 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012);

Section 514 of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division H of Pub. L. 112-74); and

Sections 504 and 505 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2012 (Division B of Pub. L. 112-74).

Generally, the requirements related to these provisions of the FY 2012 appropriations acts have been included in each subsequent fiscal year's appropriations acts. Since FY 2015, the provisions related to felony convictions and unpaid federal tax liabilities have been enacted in the government-wide general provisions portion of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act.

Affected Public: Not-For-Profit institutions; Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit; Farms; Federal Government; or State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,250.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses per Respondent: 6.

Annual Responses: 15,000.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: August 13, 2019.

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Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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